

City of Aberdeen
Business Meeting, Work Session
November 10, 2014

Present: Mayor Bennett, Councilwoman Landbeck,
Councilman Garner and Councilwoman Young

Absent: Councilwoman Elliott

Also Present: Douglas Miller, City Manager
Charles Johnson, Safety Manager
Kyle Torster, Director of Public Works
Felicia Bledsoe, Administrative Assistant

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers by Mayor Bennett.

Business Meeting: Matters of Immediate and Urgent Business

1. Proclamation; Municipal Government Works

Mayor Bennett read a proclamation which said that the City of Aberdeen joined the Maryland Municipal League in declaring November to be Municipal Government Works Month in the City of Aberdeen.

Work Session

1. Harford County Local Health Improvement Coalition, Tobacco Work Group Presentation

A presentation was made by Ms. Vickie Ensor Bands and Ms. Susan Kelly of the University of Maryland Upper Chesapeake Health, giving statistics on electronic cigarettes. Dr. Russell Moy answered questions from the Council on the topic.

2. Ebola Update

Mr. Johnson and Ms. Kelly spoke about the Ebola virus and that the direct threat to City employees was minimal. Ms. Kelly added that there was more information about the virus on Harford County Health Department's webpage.

3. Employee Wellness and Safety Update

Mr. Johnson reminded the Council that today was the Marine Corps' birthday and then began speaking of the many programs that the City has offered its employees. The City has offered flu shots, gym membership reimbursement, a weight loss program, and was currently working with Cigna on a rewards program.

The City was now giving extended training to new employees. Mr. Johnson also let the Council know that the Department of Public Works and Water/Waste Water supervisors were speaking with employees, giving a briefing on a job before it is started. Mr. Johnson stated that the City should start to recognize its best safety performers.

Mr. Johnson spoke about Workers Compensation, stating that there has been a decrease in the premium and \$1,200.00 in savings. The City's insurer, Local Government Insurance Trust (LGIT), promptly receives information from the City when an incident arises.

4. Other Business

Mr. Miller spoke in regard to credit card issuance throughout the City and advances in funds for conferences. Mr. Miller also reminded the Council that there would not be a Business Meeting/ Work Session on December 1, 2014.

Mr. Miller stated that the City will go to settlement on December 2, 2014 for the Moose Lodge property and that work has begun on the Aberdeen Room Museum roof.

Councilman Garner agreed on the information that was given by Mr. Miller in regard to reimbursement of funds after conferences, stating that Councilwoman Elliott was incorrect.

Councilwoman Landbeck stated that her figure was incorrect but her expenses have been reimbursed in the past.

Adjournment:

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 4:45 p.m.